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(B) USDOCO KOLSAS NORWAY, DTG 070900Z JUN 78 (NOTAL)

1. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT DURING
NATO SUMMIT ON NATO LONG TERM DEFENSE POLICY HAS BEEN
RELEASED BY WHITE HOUSE TO PRESS. TEXT IS SAME AS THAT
TRANSMITTED REF A WITH EDITORIAL CHANGES NOTED BELOW.

2. AMENDMENTS (KEYED TO REF A)

A) PARA 3: SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "ALSO, THE
COMPETING DEMANDS OF OUR FREE SOCIETIES LIMIT THE
PORTION OF THE RESOURCES WE CAN USE FOR DEFENSE."

B) PARA 4: ADD FOLLOWING TO LAST SENTENCE: "DURING
THE YEARS AHEAD."

C) PARA 5: FIRST SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "AS WE IMPROVE
OUR CONVENTIONAL DEFENSES, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT THE
STRENGTH OF OUR STRATEGIC AND THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES

IS ALSO NECESSARY FOR DETERRENCE AND DEFENSE."

D) PARA 6: SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "THIS
COUPLING OF AMERICAN STRATEGIC FORCES TO EUROPE IS
CRITICAL, FOR IT MEANS THAT AN ATTACK ON EUROPE WOULD
HAVE THE FULL CONSEQUENCES OF AN ATTACK ON THE
UNITED STATES.

THE WORD "ALL" IN THIRD SENTENCE IS UNDERLINED.

E) PARA 7: SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "AS ONE
RESULT OF THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM, THE NUCLEAR
PLANNING GROUP IS EXAMINING IN DETAIL THE MODERNIZING
OF OUR THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES, INCLUDING THE QUESTION
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OF LONG-RANGE NUCLEAR SYSTEMS."

THIRD SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "WE NEED ALSO TO CONSIDER
JOINTLY THE RELATION OF LONG-RANGE THEATER NUCLEAR
SYSTEMS TO ARMS CONTROL."

F) PARA 11: SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "IT SEEKS
A MORE COOPERATIVE COURSE, AS THE ONLY SENSIBLE WAY TO
IMPROVE OUR DEFENSES WITHOUT UNNECESSARY INCREASES
IN DEFENSE SPENDING."

G) PARA 12: THIRD SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "WE CAN,
HOWEVER, PLEDGE TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO SECURE THIS
APPROVAL AND MAKE THIS PROGRAM WORK."

H) PARA 14: THIRD SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "WE MUST
AVOID BOLD PROGRAMS HEARTILY ENDORSED -- THEN LARGELY
IGNORED."

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